

Vranka and Ekstrom Biweekly Meeting Notes – 5/24/16

Anaconda – 302, 320, and 341

- 302** – Received AR's redline of 9 of *Surface Water TI Evaluation Report*. Meeting with DEQ and NRD today and AR tomorrow. DEQ and NRD seem to be at odds over TI. Provided comments to XRF protocol for Warm Springs Creek RA. Working on TI summary for EPA HQ/Region and an expanded Section 4 of the site management plan for DOJ use as a CD statement of work.
- 320** – Met with RPM to discuss CSOU RA with Brockman. Ben Simpson will be helping Ken with CSOU and ARWW&S OU RA oversight. Need WAF for new CSOU RA Oversight (it seems to be stuck with the QA group or Jodi).
- 341** – NRD has a Montana Conservation Corps crew constructing storm water BMPs in Joyner Creek (Mt Haggin) this week.

Barker - 325

- Strategy meeting to show FS evaluation to management and to review schedule and challenges was held on May 20.

Butte – 349 and 350

- We hope to be able to collect pore water samples in the early June to early July timeframe. Sample collection is dependent on the weather conditions and stream stage. At AR's request, we added the collection of radon samples.
- Assisted EPA with preparing counter offer presentation, attachment 2, and compliance plan.
- Started to prepare cost estimate for removal of waste material from the Butte Reduction Smelter area. This cost estimate will be used to support discussions with DEQ and the NRD.
- Continued work on the SW TI and 2008-13 SW Characterization reports.
- Assisting with review of NRD proposals, BMP evaluations reports, and data management plans

Tenmile – 307 and 312

307

- Met twice with EPA and DEQ to discuss Luttrell BCR alternatives analysis report. DEQ agreed on the general approach of focusing on treatment of leachate and not all of the other sources located at the Basin Creek mine. The first step in completing analysis will include meeting with DEQ to determine their long term expectations on O&M.
- Waiting to hear back from EPA on consultation memorandum submitted to EPA HQ in regards to the minor collapse of the adit door and cribbing at the Susie mine portal. Also, we observed that a vertical timber within the Lee Mountain portal has broken in half and this issue should be addressed when the Susie mine portal is rehabilitated.
- Due to recent weather conditions, CDM Smith would like to procure a contractor for assisting with general earthwork in the event that the Susie's portal entrance collapses due to recent rain conditions.

312

- Most excavation is complete, but there are elevated As concentrations in SE corner of property. Test pits show another 6-inch cut should address this. Should be done this week (barring weather). Replacing retaining wall and trees this week. Sprinkler replacement will follow. Goal is still to be done by end of June or early July.
- Will make North Wind complete the residential yard before we start on RV Ranch property. Tillman is advised of the situation. After yard excavation is DONE and the volume survey complete, we can do a final cost projection for Landmark construction and make a decision as how to proceed. Please keep Tenmile RA needs in mind if there is any chance of obtaining year-end or de-obligated funding.
- Luttrell WTP is prepped for startup and WTP and BCR will begin operating this week. Leachate pond is near full and we need to start drawing it down with all the rain forecast for the next week.
- Residential well sampling data letters should be ready this week. Waiting on Tillman's approval of transmittal letter. We have already put the 8 new owners with MCL exceedances on bottled water.

Rocker – 353

- Waiting for Henry to review letter drafted on steps ahead. Will provide to AR when we get approval and will schedule a meeting to discuss site progress and moving forward with recommendations.

CFAC – 357

- Drilling started last week and we provided onsite review. Suggest that the next on site review be when Roux starts drilling the next deep well (~May 26th, estimate 4 days to complete well).
- We have budget for onsite support, biweekly meetings, and PM tasks until early August. RPM submitted SOW to EPA contracting. We have not received a WAF. RPM will attend public site tour of CFAC May 25, 2016.